

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
—Alex. H. Washburn—

Some Horse-Sense Gradually Enters World Finance

A United Nations plan to set up a billion-dollar world food bank which would have dumped farm surpluses into needy areas was rejected yesterday by the United States — and that killed it, for of course it was the U. S. A. which was expected to pay the lion's share of the cost.

The American statement by Foreign Agriculture Director Stanley Andrews (former editor of the El Dorado Daily News, later associate editor of Arkansas Democrat) declared the UN plan was "not sufficient" to solve either the world's hunger or its dollar shortage.

But the plain facts are that the congress is bowing its neck against further spending of U. S. dollars on vast schemes for foreign relief. The UN plan originally called for 5 billions. In the current version, scaled down to 1 billion, the American share would have been 475 million, or virtually half the total world bill.

In rejecting the world-wide program Andrews pointed out that the United States intends to help needy countries with technical assistance and will continue monetary aid to Europe until she can stand alone — but beyond that, nothing.

The British took a position just as critical as our own. Harold Wilson, president of the British Board of Trade, opposed the UN plan by declaring that the only solution for world hunger and world shortage of dollars is:

"The non-dollar world must build up its production of exportable goods and sell them in dollars areas. Otherwise the world economic situation will become a good deal worse."

Verily an encouraging picture, indeed. The world's political heads are beginning to talk horse-sense. Their very first words recognize the oldest economic truth on earth —

Wealth is not money — which can be as good or as bad as the government that coins it — but wealth is a man's or nation's stock of goods, something that has been produced or can be used either at home or abroad.

If used at home it relieves local hunger. If sold abroad for dollars it allows the country of the goods' origin not only to satisfy hunger, but also to acquire the tools and the conveniences of civilized life.

Policy in Ward Case Blasted

Washington, Nov. 25 — (AP) — A Republican blast at the state department's handling of the Angus Ward case today drew a reply that the department should be praised rather than criticized.

Reps. Price (D-Ill.) and Mansfield (D-Mont.) today reported the important thing was that the department had got Ward, the U. S. consul general at Mukden, released from a Chinese communist jail.

They said Ward still would be in jail and the United States probably would be in a war if the department had followed a policy keyed to the thinking represented by the G. O. P. attack.

Five Republicans — members of the house foreign affairs committee — got out a statement yesterday accusing the department of a "spineless performance" in the Ward case. They demanded the immediate firing of officials "high and low" responsible for U. S. Chinese policy.

They were particularly critical of efforts to bring world pressure on the communists to release Ward. Referring to the Republican statement, Price said:

"If this kind of warped thinking were followed through, it would lead to hostilities and the possible loss of a million American lives."

Price is a member of the house armed services committee. Mansfield, a member of the foreign affairs committee, said "if the department had followed the policy outlined by the five Republicans it very likely would have meant war and it certainly would not have meant the release of Ward and others. The department acted wisely in contacting other nations and bringing about a real United Nations effort in this case."

The five Republicans called the whole incident "one of the most humiliating chapters in American diplomatic history."

"The loss of face by the United States is beyond calculation," they said.

Mission Rally Sunday at Garrett Church

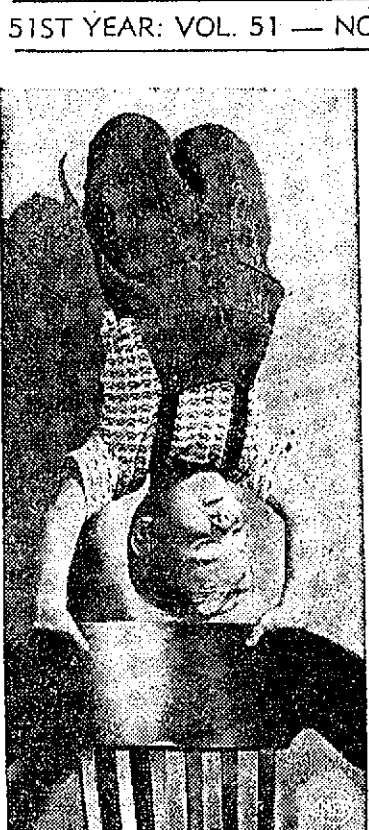
A Mission Rally will be held Sunday, November 27, starting at 2:30 p.m. at the Garrett Memorial Baptist church. The program follows:

Congregational singing, prayer, devotionals, New Hope church; "The Purpose of Holding Regular Mission Rallies," Eld. J. W. Story; "What is the Extent of Missions?" Matt. 13:38; John 4:35; Bodecaw No. 2.

Special: Unity, Hope; "Does the Commission, Matt. 28:19-20 apply to Local Churches of Union Association?" Central Church, Prescott. Round table discussion "How Our Church Supports Missions and Our Missionaries." All churches to share in the discussion. Benediction.

WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Fair this afternoon, tonight Saturday. Colder this afternoon in south tonight. Lowest temperatures 32-34 in east, 31-36 in west tonight.



HAND STAND—Gregg Hofmeister, 2, of Indianapolis, Ind., limbers up by doing a hand stand on the back of a chair. The youngster has become an expert gymnast by working out in his father's physical culture studio since he was 8 months old.

Czech Purge Reaching Out for Rich Farmers

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 25 — (AP) — Communist-led search committees spread out through the Czech countryside today in an apparent drive to liquidate larger farmers.

The committees, backed by self-styled "peasants' groups," operated through a wide section of the country seeking out and rounding up "economic saboteurs," reports in the controlled press revealed.

Prison sentences, confiscations and stiff fines were being imposed by district national committees (local governing bodies) against the "saboteurs," reports in the controlled press revealed.

The Agrarian campaign appeared to be a counterpart of the wave of arrests last month in cities which rounded up "bourgeois" independent businessmen and other middle class elements.

Informed diplomatic quarters interpreted the new drive as part of the communist class warfare plan and a prelude to the collectivization of the land along the Soviet pattern.

In such a scheme "big" farmers (none of whom can own more than 124 acres of land under present laws) first would have to be liquidated.

Officially, the government has remained silent on the campaign, but daily report of its progress appear in the semi-official Communist party organ Rude Pravo.

Today's report made the front page of the paper.

Two months ago the government-controlled press had proclaimed a bountiful harvest with the compulsory deliveries of crops to the state exceeding the target.

Now, however, it is charged that "economic saboteurs" throughout the country failed to deliver their quotas. Some were also accused of refusing to seed arable land as directed by the government.

Invariably, according to Rude Pravo, the offenders were rich farmers who maliciously withheld their stocks from the government.

Prescott Man Dies as Auto Hits Bicycle

Nolen May, 25, farmer of near Prescott, was killed while riding a bicycle on Highway 67, three miles north of Prescott late yesterday afternoon.

He was hit by a car driven by William Walker of Houston, Tex. Walker was held on charges of involuntary manslaughter and scheduled to be given a hearing today at Prescott.

Officers said Walker told them May suddenly turned the bicycle into the car's path. Walker was accompanied by his wife and four children.

May is survived by his wife, a small child, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah May of Cale, two brothers, Quay and Hulen and two sisters, Mrs. B. Wickard and Mrs. May Robinson, all of Nevada county.

Hospital Cash Draw Robbed of About \$70

During the Hope-Nashville football game yesterday, someone broke open a cash drawer in the Josephine hospital office and robbed it of about \$70. City Police announced today.

An investigation continues today.

Family Quarrel Ends With One Dead, One Hurt

Heber Springs, Nov. 25 — (P) — A 21-year-old father battled for life today, the victim of a shooting in which his young wife was killed.

Eulos Carr was wounded in his tourist cabin home Wednesday night. His condition is critical.

The incident was reported Thanksgiving day when Carr, suffering from a bullet wound in his chest, stumbled into the home of his parents' body. She had been shot through the heart.

He later told authorities that his wife, Mrs. Bernice Carr, 20, lay wounded at the cabin. Officers found the woman's body. She had been shot through the heart.

Marshal Tom Bolin quoted Carr as saying that he and his wife got into an argument. She shot him then shot herself. He then jumped into his auto and drove 15 miles to his parents home.

Consumer Income Up, So Is Spending

Washington, Nov. 25 — (P) — The average American is taking in almost twice the money he did in prewar 1939 and he's spending it a little more freely than he did even three months ago.

The federal reserve board reported last night that consumer income is 90 per cent higher than in 1939, just three per cent under the peak reached last year.

And the board noted that people as a whole are spending an increasing proportion of their income — \$93.10 per \$100 of income after taxes in the third quarter of this year as compared with \$91.60 in the first quarter and \$92.30 in the third quarter of last year.

The continued high level of consumer income—and willingness to spend it—helped markedly in cushioning the economic downturn earlier this year, the board said.

The agency's November bulletin showed consumer income flowing at the rate of \$210,000,000,000 a year in the third quarter (July through September). That's roughly \$1,400 for every man, woman and child in the country and reflects a 19 per cent increase for the postwar period alone.

Wage and salary income, which accounts for \$34,400,000,000 of the total, was up 98 per cent from 1939 (the number of workers also had increased) and 23 per cent from 1946. It was off only two per cent from the peak reached in the fourth quarter of 1946.

Total wage and salary income in goods-producing industries was up 134 per cent over 1939 and 27 per cent above last year's high mark.

Industries selling services rather than goods, however, showed a 48 per cent increase from pre war and 25 per cent for the postwar period.

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Arm owners' income was indicated as up 98 per cent above 1939, but 25 per cent below the 1946 peak period and three per cent off from the postwar period as a whole.

Hospital Board to Discuss Altercation

Little Rock, Nov. 25 — (P) — The state hospital board of control will meet here Tuesday to consider the fate of seven staff members accused of an altercation at a DeWalls bluff case.

Board members will make a report based on outcome of an Arkansas State police investigation of the incident in which the staff members, including Robert Drew Jr., was stabbed.

Details of the investigation will not be made public until the board meets.

Meanwhile, justice of the peace court hearing at Hazen for the staff members has been postponed indefinitely. Special Prosecutor John Dale Thweatt of DeWalls bluff said a hearing will be held with young Drew is able to attend.

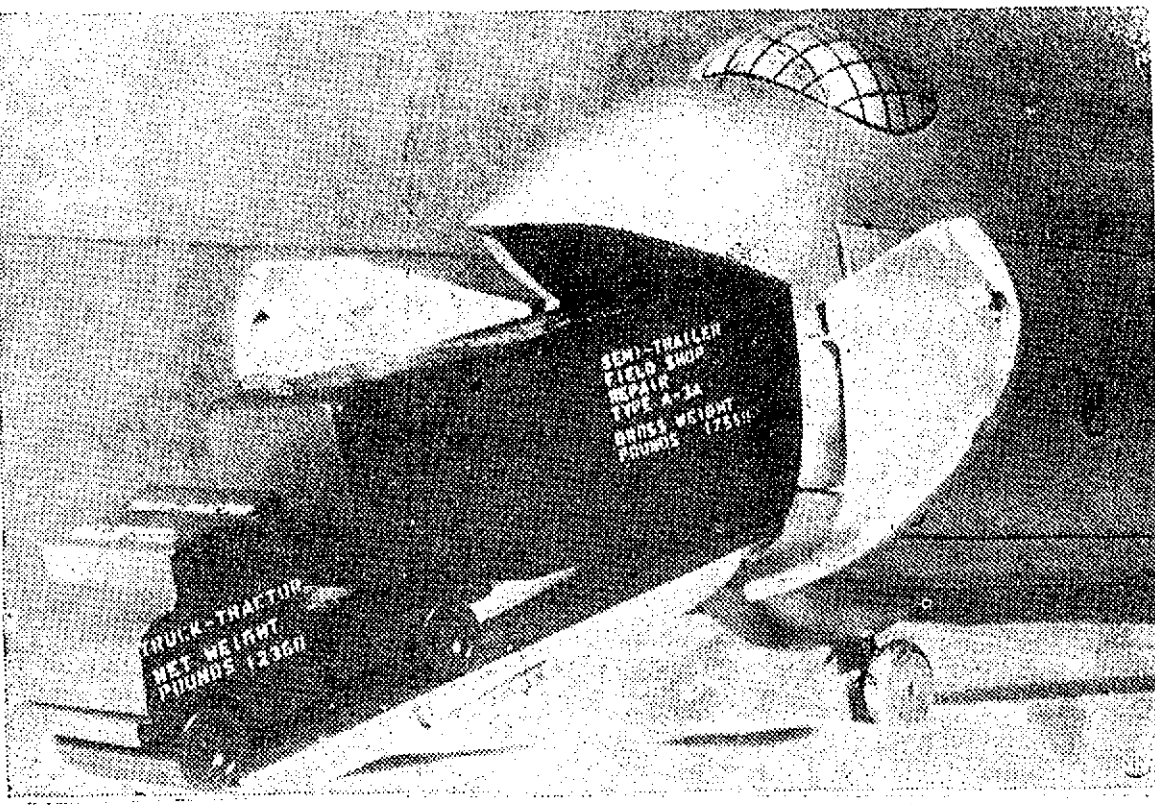
Possible suspension and discharge of two hospital doctors was reported by the Arkansas Democrat. The newspaper, quoting "usually reliable source," said action against the two physicians — who weren't named — has been recommended to the board by Governor McMath.

Meanwhile, the governor Mr. Dr. H. King Wade of Hot Springs, chairman of the board, would comment.

The disturbance occurred last Friday when the men stopped at a cafe en route home from a duck hunting trip. Included in the group was Dr. George W. Jackson, superintendent of the hospital.

Drew and his father told officers an argument ensued when they refused to serve scotch for liquor dealer to the men. During the melee Drew was stabbed.

His father swore to warrants charging Dr. W. G. Jenkins of the Benton hospital unit with assault with a deadly weapon for liquor dealer to the men. During the melee Drew was stabbed.



NEW TYPE AIR-TRANSPORT PROPOSED—These scale models illustrate how a truck and trailer could drive through the nose doors of this aircraft which Consolidated Vultee is proposing as a production model of the experimental XC-99 transport. Convair has submitted to the Air Force a design proposal for the above double-deck planes, which would be able to haul a larger load over longer ranges. (NEA Telephoto)

Seeks Someone to Run Atomic Commission

Washington, Nov. 25 — (UP) — President Truman looked around today for someone with brains and brawn to run the atomic energy commission.

Administration officials said they regard the AEC chairmanship as the "toughest job we have to fill."

They said that right now they have no idea just who will replace David E. Lilienthal when he leaves the post on Dec. 31.

They said that Lilienthal's successor must be a man of superb administrative ability who is strong enough physically to stand the tremendous pace of the job.

It was understood that Mr. Truman will wrestle with the problem during his coming three-week vacation at Key West, Fla. The President leaves for Florida Monday.

Lilienthal, a storm center since he took over the commission, announced his resignation Wednesday. He said he was quitting government service for financial and health reasons and because he wanted "to engage in public discussion and public affairs with greater latitude."

It was considered likely that Mr. Truman would offer the post to someone who is conversant with atomic affairs and who agrees with Lilienthal in the present system of civilian control of the atomic energy.

Speculation centered on J. Robert Oppenheimer, the noted physicist who helped develop the A-bomb; James B. Conant, president of Harvard university; Wayne Coy, chairman of the federal communications commission; Sen. Brian McMahon, (D-Conn.), and former Sen. Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin.

Both Oppenheimer and Conant are distinguished scientists who have the prestige and ability for the job. They have kept in close touch with the administration of the program under Lilienthal.

But it was said that both men do not want the job for personal reasons.

This Is the Story of a Dog and an Opera Star Whom the Bluebirds Like to Hear Sing

By HAL BOYLE
New York, (P) — Bluebirds perch on her windowsill when Freida Hempel sings.

They fly to hear her voice — as kings and presidents did in the past.

Now in her sixties, the blonde soprano, a star in the golden age of song, still gives concerts. And she teaches her art to young singers who want to go into opera.

"But they all want to make money too quick," she sighed. "They don't like to work. Rushing is the worst enemy of the singer. Time is everything."

It heals and perfects. You have to go a little way through life before you have anything worth saying — or singing.

Madame Hempel still practices every day, just as when she sang with Caruso at the Metropolitan.

"Just as you wash your face every day, so it is with a voice," she said. "You must exercise it."

For 33 years she has lived in the same apartment overlooking Central park. On dreary days she hangs up a pink ribbon in the living room to cheer her up. And the apartment is fragrant always with the scent from a brass plate heaped with dried roseleaves.

"We have to improve on life a little to make it beautiful," she said.

Transportation Funds Are Distributed

A total of \$31,303 has been received by the Hempstead County Treasurer's office to be distributed to transportation funds in the different school districts. The distribution:

Hope \$7,232; Elvins \$9,468; Patmos \$1,703; Saratoga \$1,127; Guernsey \$3,430; Spring Hill \$2,869; Washington \$1,512 and County District No. 3, \$3,878.

Seal Drive Progressing Favorably

The Christmas Seal campaign is progressing well. Mrs. R. L. Broach, chairman announced to day.

Developes with checks are coming in rapidly but many persons were overlooked when the seals were mailed out. They too are asked to send checks to Mrs. Broach, 106 West 12th street.

This is an annual benefit campaign that raises funds to fight against tuberculosis. Helping in the drive this season are members of Den 2, Pack 50, local cub scouts.

Barn, 1,500 Bales of Hay Burns at Ozan

A large barn containing 1,500 bales of hay caught fire and burned last night at Ozan. Sheriff Claude Sutton announced today. The hay and barn was owned by Shirley Robins.

Suspecting the blaze was set, Sheriff Sutton at the request of Mr. Robins, brought in bloodhounds but was unable to find any evidence.

Ex-Governor of Oklahoma Succumbs

Oklahoma City, Nov. 25 — (P) — Former Oklahoma Governor J. C. (Jack) Walton died here shortly after midnight today.

He had been in ailing health in recent years after a tempestuous political career which saw him ousted from the gubernatorial post during the tenure of Governor Charles Haskell.

Walton was born on an Indiana farm March 6, 1881. He later became a railroad worker and then a railroad executive.

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Panama Gets 3rd President in Six Days

Panama, Panama, Nov. 25 — (P) — Arnulfo Arias, a fiery 49-year-old surgeon, early today became Panama's third president in six days by proclamation of congress.

The congressional approval, apparent put the stamp of legality on the latest coup by Panama's president-making police chief, Col. Jose Remon.

Remon, who forced the ouster of President Daniel Chanas, Jr., on Sunday, late last night, defied a ruling of the Supreme court and announced that Arias was the new president. A few minutes before, the court had ruled Chanas was still the constitutional president of this central American country.

The congressional endorsement of Arias at 2:08 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) this morning ended a week of turmoil over the presidency which produced riots and tangled political situations unusual even for Latin America, where revolutions are not uncommon.

Strangely enough, it was Remon who ousted Arias in 1941 after he had served as the republic's president for a year. Until yesterday they were bitter political enemies.

Arias is an ardent nationalist and in his past hectic career often attacked U. S. influence in this country bisected by the Panama canal.

The apparent end of the political crisis found the country peaceful, people dancing and shouting "Viva Arias."

The dispute began last Saturday when President Chanas tried to fire Col. Remon, whose political force is Panama's only armed body. Chanas charged Remon and his top aides were involved in illegal monopolies controlling beef slaughtering and bus companies.

Instead of resigning, Remon surrounded the presidential palace with armed police and in response to an ultimatum Chanas resigned. Remon's cousin, Vice President Roberto Chari was sworn in as president.

Tuesday, Chanas declared he was forced to resign and withdrew his letter of resignation in a dramatic appearance before the congress. Yesterday, in response to a request for a legal opinion by Chanas, the Supreme court ruled that Chanas was still the constitutional president.

Search Underway for Small, Missing Plane

Fort Smith, Nov. 25 — (P) — Two more planes joined the search over parts of Arkansas and Oklahoma today for wreckage of a small civilian craft.

Six U. S. airforce planes flew over a 1,600 square mile area hunting for the light ship which disappeared Oct. 21 after it left Tulsa, Okla.

Pilot of the missing plane was Orville Sweetzer of Tulsa. His passenger was G. H. Harrington, Houston, Tex. They were en route to Houston.

The Camp Chaffee public information officer said eight planes will continue the search until either the wreckage has been sighted or the route from Tulsa to Houston has been covered.

Reds Plan to Take Tibet and Formosa

London, Nov. 25 — (P) — Chinese communists plan to thrust their control over the island fortress of Formosa and over the mountain fastness of Tibet by next summer, according to European diplomatic sources today.

Their time-table also includes grabbing complete control of all China by that time, but does not include the British colony of Hong Kong, at least for the time being, the communists diplomat said. He declined use of his name but information he has given in the past has proved reliable.

Red mastery of Tibet, land of the world's highest mountains ruled by Buddhist Lamas, would bring the communists to India's borders. It would give them control over the Indian commonwealth's northern trade routes through the states of Bhutan and Nepal.

Both expansion plans undoubtedly will mean fierce fighting in huge military operations.

The island of Formosa, stronghold of Chinese nationalist leader Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, is believed strongly defended against possible landing operations from the Chinese mainland.

Although Tibet has only 10,000 poorly equipped troops, its formidable, unmapped terrain will make movement difficult for the legions of communist leader Mao Tse-tung.

The diplomat, who represents a communist country with direct relations in Red China, said "Tong Kong was not on the immediate schedule because the Communist Peiping government has a tendency to start a shooting war with Britain over the island."

But it doesn't mean the Reds will accept eternally Britain's right to hold that strategic base off China's mainland, he added.

Holiday Death Toll Mounts to 161 in U. S.

The nation's death toll in violent accidents over the Thanksgiving day holiday was one of the highest in several years.

There were at least 161 violent deaths from 6 p. m. (local time) Wednesday to midnight Thursday. These 33 deaths, 103 traffic fatalities, 58 persons died in miscellaneous accidents, including fires, plane crashes, shootings, falls and hunting. Also included were 74 persons killed in Alabama townships.

This year's Thanksgiving violent deaths compared to 114 over the same period last year; 128 in 1947; and 83 in 1946. The totals on Thanksgiving day holidays during the war years 2 also were below this year's mark.

This year's Thanksgiving day traffic deaths far exceeded last year's toll of 88. The National Bureau of census records show an average of 82 persons killed every 24 hours in traffic accidents during the first nine months of 1949. However, the figures for the nine months cover deaths occurring as late as months after the accident occurred.

Among the violent deaths were a 19-year-old mother and her three young children who perished in a fire in a dog cabin near Rockville, Ind. In Elizabeth, N. J., a father died in attempting to aid his eight children when fire broke out in their home.

The toll by states, listing traffic and miscellaneous:

Alabama 1 and 14; Arizona 4 and 0; Arkansas 2 and 0; California 10 and 0; Colorado 1 and 1; Delaware 0 and 1; Florida 3 and 1; Illinois 10 and 1; Indiana 5 and 4; Iowa 1 and 1; Kansas 5 and 0.

Kentucky 0 and 1; Maine 1 and 0; Maryland 3 and 1; Massachusetts 3 and 1; Michigan 3 and 1; Minnesota 1 and 0; Missouri 1 and 0; Montana 1 and 0; New Hampshire 0 and 1; New Jersey 1 and 0; New Mexico 3 and 0; New York 3 and 0; North Carolina 1 and 0; Ohio 10 and 1; Oklahoma 3 and 2; Oregon 1 and 1; Pennsylvania 7 and 4; Rhode Island 0 and 1; South Dakota 0 and 2; Tennessee 3 and 0; Texas 1 and 0; Virginia 3 and 0; Washington 0 and 1; Wisconsin 4 and 2.

Execution Near, Killer Well Guarded

Chicago, Nov. 25 — (UP) — Guards mounting a death watch over "Mad Dog" Morrell today after two young men were captured as they launched a desperate plot to help him escape from the county jail where he will be executed after one minute after midnight tonight.

Morrell, 23, was sentenced to die for the murder of a victim killed, along with three others, when a gang of hoodlums staged a wild night of riot after one man was forming police about their robbery activities.

The two men seized in the attempt to free Morrell were Erville L. Burdick, 22, and Dominick J. Morris, 20. They were arrested as they loitered near the jail and confessed the plot after police found two 19-inch saws, a pistol and a spool of heavy thread in their pockets.

Under Illinois law, conviction on that charge would permit the judge to give them the same sentence of death decreed for Morrell.

The attempted jail break came off early in the morning. Morrell was killed when nine men were foiled in an attempt to escape from the jail on Thanksgiving day, 1948.

Burdick and De Maria surrendered earlier in the morning. They were met when Patrolmen Thomas Smith, Patrick Whelan, William Boyd and Frank McAuliffe seized them outside the jail walls.

The incident that "someone" inside the jail had promised to drop a thread to them. They planned to tie their thread to the one dropped so that the conspirator inside could pull the pistol and saw.

They refused to name the man inside the jail who had plotted with them. Warden Chester Fordney ordered an investigation of prisoners and guards in an attempt to identify the third man in the plot.

A window pane was found broken in cell tier G-4 where Morrell had been lodged with 12 other men awaiting execution.

Only 20 minutes after the official news, however, that Morrell had already been transferred to his death cell in the jail's basement.

A heavily-armed guard was posted around him.

Wrecks Here on South Main Two Automobile

Two automobile accidents were reported here yesterday by city police, both occurring on South Main street following the football game.

In the 400 block a car driven by Logan Williams of Fulton crashed into the back of another driven by A. B. Goodwin of Hope resulting in minor damage.

In the 700 block a car driven by Lon Bell of Nashville crashed into the back of another driven by Lloyd George Sanders also of Nashville. Both vehicles were badly damaged.

Singing Program

There will be quartet singing tonight at 8 o'clock at the Rising Star Baptist church. The public is invited.

Church Honors 50th Wedding Anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Durham of Spring Hill observed their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday, November 20, in an appropriate church service.

At the close of the 11 o'clock service, at which time the Rev. E. D. Galloway, district superintendent of Prescott-Texarkana district, preached on "The Christian Home and the Home." Miss Ernestine Collins pianist, began the nuptial music, Clifford Franks of Hope, sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells."

Mrs. James Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Durham, and the Rev. W. C. Lewis, pastor of Washington, uncle of Mrs. Durham, served the couple as attendants. The Rev. W. C. Lewis, pastor of Washington, uncle of Mrs. Durham, served the couple as attendants. The Rev. W. C. Lewis, pastor of Washington, uncle of Mrs. Durham, served the couple as attendants.

Immediately following the service, the church served a buffet dinner on the church lawn. During the afternoon, the church held open house, the parsonage at which time a host of friends and relatives called and presented many lovely gifts.

'My Friend Irma' Opens at Saenger

Marie Wilson, the curvaceous blonde who has the unique distinction of doing stage, radio and movie work simultaneously, claims to be the toughest medium of the three. Marie, who has had the starring role in the radio program, "My Friend Irma," will be seen as Irma in Paramount's new production of "My Friend Irma," which comes Sunday to the Saenger Theatre.

Governor to Talk at AP Meeting

Little Rock, Nov. 23 (AP)—Governor McMath is to address the luncheon following the annual fall meeting of the Arkansas Association of Press Organization here Sunday.

Twenty-six newspapers in 21 cities are members of the AP group.

Chairman Allen Tilden, city editor of the Arkansas Democrat, said 50 editors and their wives were expected.

The Democrat and the Arkansas Gazette will be hosts.

Frank H. King, Dallas, an AP general executive, also is attending.

A meeting of the state news editors has been called for Saturday night by Chairman Robert S. Dean, editor of the Hot Springs News Era and Sentinel Record.

Members of the committee are: Ralph Lee, Southwest American; Fort Smith; Ted Wylie, Blytheville; Robert T. Hays, News and Times, El Dorado; J. Q. McHaffey, Gazette and News, Texarkana; Joe McGee, Log Cabin Democrat, Conway; Eugene Smith, Sun-Jonesboro; W. R. Whitehead, Banner News, Magnolia; and Ralph Kite, Citizen, DeQueen.

Prescott News

Friday, November 25
The Lewis club will meet Friday evening at 6:15 at the Broadway Hotel.

Sunday, November 27
The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship will meet at the church at 7:45 p.m. Supper will be served.

The young people of the First Christian church will meet Sunday at 6 p.m. for recreation, fellowship and worship.

Monday, November 28
The circles of the First Baptist church will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30.

W. M. U. Meets at Church

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church met on Monday afternoon at the church for the Royal Service program with nineteen members present.

The meeting was opened with the song "We That Love in Prayer." The devotionals were given by Mrs. Edward Bryson, followed by the song "Send the Light," an interesting program was given by Mrs. Clifford Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mrs. Leroy Phillips.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. L. Buchanan.

Women's Council Meets at Christian Manse

The Women's Council of the First Christian church met on Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. E. Wagner.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Homer Ward, Mrs. Wagner presided and conducted the business meeting. Mrs. J. C. Siegler presented the devotionals on "We May Bear Fruit for God."

Mrs. Wagner, missionary chairman, gave an interesting talk on "Yakima Indians Christian Mission at White Swan, Wash."

A delicious dessert course was served to eleven members and a guest Mrs. T. Harrell of Greggton, Tex.

Mrs. Bensberg Hostess to Missionary Society

Mrs. W. G. Bensberg was hostess to the missionary society of the First Presbyterian church at her home on Monday afternoon.

The business was conducted by the president, Mrs. Vernon Fore. An inspiring devotionals "Molders of Christian Conviction" was given by Mrs. Carl Dairymple, Mrs. W. C. Reeves presented the program "Between Our Two Worlds" from the booklet "Inside the Circle."

A delectable dessert course was served to the 13 members present.

O. E. S. Officers Elected
The Masonic Hall was made lovely with chrysanthemums and pretty fall flowers for the regular meeting during which time election of officers was held. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Worthy Matron, Kathryn Cunningham; Associate Matron, Martha Peachey; worthy patron, N. N. Daniel; associate patron, Jack Leslie; secretary, Electa C. Wells; treasurer, Rachel O. Jordan; conductress, Ollie Loomis; associate conductress, Longene Ann. Mrs. W. C. Reeves presented the program "Between Our Two Worlds" from the booklet "Inside the Circle."

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hirst spent Tuesday in Murfreesboro.

Mrs. Jack Cooper and Mrs. Clifford Yancey motored to Texarkana Wednesday.

J. B. Franks and Clifford Yancey spent Monday and Tuesday in Memphis on business.

Miss Mary Lou Thomas of the Univ. of Ark., Fayetteville is spending the holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. August E. Hamilton and daughter, Brenda Louise, of Monticello, Ark., are the Thanksgiving guests of his mother, Mrs. E. J. Hamilton.

Miss Mary Jane Coleman who attends the Univ. of Ark., Fayetteville is the holiday guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Coleman.

Rev. F. W. Harrell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Washington, Tex., wife and daughter arrived Wednesday night to spend Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. E. T. Harrell, and grandmother, Mrs. E. J. Hamilton, and other relatives.

Granville Coleman of Little Rock is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Coleman.

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The new study committee meeting is to be held in Parlor B at the Marion at 7:30 p. m.

mother, Mrs. E. T. Harrell, who has been visiting here.

Bobby Duke of Dallas has joined Mrs. Duke and their son Reed for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harrell in Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Warren have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Warren and Miss Helen Warren in Memphis.

Mrs. Allen Gee, Jr. and children, Gail and Bill, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yancey and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gee, Sr.

Frank Hollingsworth who underwent major surgery at the Cora Donnell hospital is at home recovering nicely.

Mrs. Allen Gee, Sr. and Mrs. Norman Whitaker, Sr., who have been the guests of their daughter Mrs. S. B. Gee who visited her daughter Mrs. Ray Carr and Mr. Carr in Greenville, Tex., have returned home. They were accompanied by Miss Whitaker who will make her home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells Hamby have spent their holiday guests at their daughters Miss Irma of Wynne and Miss Betty Rene of Univ. of Ark., Fayetteville.

Due to space this Prescott column was left out of Wednesday's Star.

Mrs. S. O. Matlock returned to her home in Bakersfield, Cal Monday after a visit with her daughter Miss Hazel Matlock.

Miss Lois Nolen and Bill Bolton were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mann in El Dorado.

Lt. Walter Bell of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Bemis Chappelle of the University of Arkansas are the Thanksgiving holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Case Chappelle.

Miss Lillie Butcher of Dallas will be the holiday guest of her mother Mrs. Thad Butcher, and her sister Mrs. Watson White, Jr. of Kermitt, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Emond White and children Cherry and Emond, Jr. of Kermitt, Tex. are expected to be the Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Watson White, Jr.

Mrs. George Christopher and son George Hamilton have returned from a visit with her mother Mrs. T. L. Bennett, Sr. in Florence, Ala.

C. H. Tompkins, Jr., is expected to arrive today to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tompkins.

Mrs. Hattie Tedford is now at home with Mrs. C. F. Pittman.

George Haynie of Little Rock spent the week-end with his mother Mrs. Howard Haynie and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Atkins spent the week-end in Little Rock with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Trichell and little daughter Marjorie Ann. Mrs. Atkins remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Woosley and son, Bobby spent the week-end in England with friends. They also saw the Arkansas-William and Mary game in Little Rock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Durham of Kilgore visited Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Durham over the week-end.

Ms. and Mrs. Edward Bayson and children Ed and Mary Beth left today for Jonesboro where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McAdams, Jr. and family.

Mrs. Sid Crawford has returned to her home in Little Rock after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McKenzie and son Jim.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dewoody and Mrs. Robbie Wilson spent Sunday afternoon in Murfreesboro.

Mrs. Jim Bush was the week-end guest of her sister Mrs. Karl King, Jr. and family. Mrs. Bush was enroute to her home in Little Rock after a visit with her daughter Miss Marjorie Bush in Dallas.

Miss Martha Ann Tippet of Little Rock spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tippet.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yancey spent Sunday afternoon in Murfreesboro.

Heiress Weds Young Naval Officer

Roxbury, N. Y., Nov. 25 (AP)—Heiress Silvia Gould, who broke her engagement to Lt. Comdr. Ernst Hoefler, Jr., on the eve of their wedding scheduled for last Sept. 24, was married to the handsome naval officer last night.

Justice of the Peace James Hopkins performed the surprise ceremony.

The simple ceremony was arranged on short notice at Furlough Lodge, Seagr, N. Y., home of the 31-year-old heiress to part of the fortune of her great grandfather, financier Jay Gould.

The bride said last Sept. 23 that she had broken her engagement to the 29-year-old naval officer because he refused to sign away dower rights to her estate.

Reached by telephone at the bride's Seagr estate after the wedding last night, Hoefler refused to comment on how their differences were now reconciled. Neither would he talk about their plans.

To the tribal chiefs of the American Indians during the 1860's, owning a totem pole was like having your name in the social register.

In television, when they say a program has been "kinescoped," they mean it has been transcribed on motion picture film.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Harrell and daughters of Greggton, Tex. will be week-end guests of his grandmother Mrs. E. J. Hamilton. They will be accompanied home by his wife.

Letters to the Editor

This is your newspaper. Write to it. Letters criticizing the editorial policy or commenting upon facts in the news columns, are equally welcome. Every writer must sign his name and address but publication of name may be withheld if requested.

Dear Editor:

Please accept my thanks for the front page publicity you have given our local high school P. T. A. We have had an unusually good attendance at our regular meetings and our Talent Night program was most successful. Putting "why" activities before the public is what makes a community a better place in which to live and we feel that your paper has had much to do with the wide awake P. T. A. at our high school this year.

Through our programs this year we are emphasizing the importance of bringing closer together the home, the school and the church so that our youth will make Christ their guide and leaders in the years to come. Through the publicity you've giving us we are able to reach more families thereby enabling us to perfect our objective in Parent Teachers Associations.

Again expressing our appreciation and thanking you greatly, am, Sincerely,

MRS. CLAUDE TILLERY,
Pres. Hope High School P.T.A.

DOROTHY DIX Mamma's Boy

Dear Miss Dix: What can you do with a mamma's boy who is still tied to mamma's apron strings regardless of being 27 years old and engaged to marry me? He is a dear and I love him and he loves me, yet mother has to be consulted about everything before he can take a step. We can't even go to a show without him saying: "I'll have to call up mother first and find out if we can go." And when we are with mother it's "Sonny Dear" and "Honey Boy."

Answer: Well, I should say that unless you want to run a poor second to mother you had better give him up and marry some chap who hasn't such a bad case of mother fixation. Because it is incurable. As long as mother lives he will always be her little boy and she will always decide every question for him, and he will always run to her when he gets his nose bumped and wants to be comforted and petted.

No Love Left for Wife
(There is no old saying that a good son makes a good husband,

but this is not true if the son is too good. No other man in the world makes a worse husband than the overly devoted son who is so much in love with his mother that he really hasn't much affection to give to any other woman.

Many men who have a mother complex never marry. Mother won't cut the apron string that binds them to her and they hang around her, fretting and carrying her around to places of amusement until they are satisfied old bachelors.

No woman can do her son a worse injury than to bring him up with a mother fixation. She not only wrecks his love life but she handicaps his whole life by teaching him to be dependent upon her. The very birds have more sense about rearing their children than many women have. For they push their young out of the nest and make them use their own wings.

Answer: You often advise wives to stay with husbands who are not faithful and not divorce them. Listen to my story: I am now a widow, having had a husband who strayed from me, and two small children. After ruining the life of a good woman, whose only fault was loving him too well, he confessed to me that this woman had borne him a son and he wanted me to divorce him so that he could marry her and legitimize the child. I refused, but I have bit-

terly regretted it, for since my own children are grown they reproach me for trying to hold a man who no longer loved me and refusing to give the child a name. Now I would give my life to undo the wrong I did an innocent child by holding on to my husband.

A HEARBROKEN WOMAN

Answer: You mistake my position on the divorce subject. I only advise wives to refuse to divorce their husbands when the man is the philanderer type, one of the men who has no deep affection for any woman and who is lured away by every pretty face that crosses his path.

Also, I think a woman is wise not to rush off to the divorce court when she has a middle-aged husband who thinks he has fallen in love with some flapper young enough to be his daughter. But when a man tells his wife that he has ceased to love her and that he is in love with some other woman and that his whole happiness is bound up in this other woman, then I think the wife is wise to let him go in peace.

But I think you and your children's attitude toward your husband's mistress and her child is the very acme of modern gallantry. It takes a fine spirit for a woman to see that the woman who has ousted her in her husband's affections can be a good woman who is the hapless victim of love and circumstances.

Dear Dorothy Dix: What are the duties of a doctor's wife?

MRS. A. B. C.
Answer: Primarily, the same as the duties of any other man's wife. These I conclude are for her to be good-natured and com-

panionable; to be a good sport and take whatever comes; to be a good housekeeper and make a comfortable home.

In addition to these, the chief duty of a doctor's wife is to put an extinguisher on her jealousy. A great many doctor's wives are greeneyed that they imagine that every woman who consults their husband is in love with him. It is also the duty of a doctor's wife to suppress her curiosity and to keep her tongue between her teeth.

Without doubt, a doctor's wife can do much to enhance her fortune by making friends for him. But perhaps she can do most of all by not badgering him because he must necessarily leave her much alone.

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Social and Personal

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Social Calendar

Monday, November 28
The Friday Music club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, at the home of Mrs. Basil York. All members please be present.

There will be the regular monthly meeting of the teachers and officers of the Sunday school of the First Christian church in the church parlor at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Christmas goals for all classes and other details for the Christmas season will be decided upon.

Tuesday, November 29
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Unity Baptist church will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday. All members are

urged to come.

Friday, December 2
The women's council of the First Christian church will hold its annual bazaar at the Ark-La Gas Co. office on Dec. 2 and 3. All tickets must be completed and turned in before this date.

The young people's training union of the First Baptist church will have a hairdressing and weiner roast at 7 p.m. Friday. All members are asked to meet at the church at 7 p.m. Friday for a hairdressing and weiner roast.

Collins-Souter Wedding Solemnized

Tall baskets of white gladioli, banked with fern and floor standards of lighted cathedral tapers formed the improvised altar in the home of Mrs. Robert Turner, corner of Spring Hill, Ark., which was the setting for the wedding of Miss Ernestine Collins of Hope, La., and Louis Souter of Spring Hill, La. at 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 23.

Miss Mary Della White of Blytheville arrived Wednesday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred White.

Mrs. John D. Scoggins and little daughter, Judy, and Mrs. Bill Payne of Nashville visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Payne Wednesday.

Robert Bales arrived Wednesday from North East Texas State college, Denton, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Simms of Henderson college, Arkadelphia, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simms.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martindale and daughter, Sherron Elizabeth, of Nashville spent Thanksgiving day with her mother, Mrs. Mary Bright and attended the Hope-Nashville game.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bowden, Jr. of the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, and Miss Maxine Bowden of Northwestern State college, Natchitoches, La., are holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowden, and Mrs. Bowden's mother, Mrs. E. S. Jones.

Richard Stanford, who is attending the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Juana Stanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jobe of the Univ. of Okla., Norman, were Thanksgiving holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Faye James.

Miss Mary Wilson and Russell B. Cornell of Dallas were holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drake and Bill Drake of Ft. Smith, are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drake in Patmos. They motored to Crossett, Ark., Friday for a visit with their sister and daughter.

Wallace Beene of L. S. U. Baton Rouge, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Beene.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schreck and little daughter, Paula Phanae of Dallas are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fuller and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Herndon and son of Ft. Smith, spent Thursday with Mr. Herndon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Herndon and Mrs. Herndon and son remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. D. A. McDaniel of Little Rock left Wednesday after a visit with Mrs. E. F. Formby here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spragins spent Thursday with Mrs. Spragins' sister, Mrs. J. S. Ragland in Texarkana.

Mrs. B. C. Hyatt has as holiday guests, her sons, Bob and Carroll of Arkansas College, Batesville.

Stuart Spragins of Little Rock spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spragins.

Dr. and Mrs. Emmet Thompson have as their guests, their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Guerin, Mr. Guerin and family of Memphis.

Mayor and Mrs. Lyle Brown and family spent Thanksgiving at a party in Arkadelphia with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. C. V. McDaniel and Mr. McDaniel, and attended the Ouachita-Henderson game.

Mrs. K. B. Keating has returned after spending several months with her children in Washington, D. C.

Miss Anne Wollerman of Pine Bluff, who is a missionary to Brazil was Wednesday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Birdhead.

Victor Craine, of University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, arrived Wednesday night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Craine.

H. O. Kyles, Jr. arrived Wednesday night from University of A. to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Kyles, Sr.

Sammy Segnar who is attending the University of Oklahoma at Norman is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives and friends here.

Personal Mention
Mrs. W. A. Price has received word that her small granddaughter, Dianne Althea Durden is recovering from a major eye operation at the Highland hospital in Shreveport. Little Miss Durden's mother, Mrs. W. E. Carreau was the former Althea Price of Hope.

Hospital Notes
Julia Chester
Admitted: Betty Jo Biddle, Ros-

International Paper Company of that city.
Among the out-of-town guests attending were: Mrs. W. F. Souter of Bussey, Ark.; Miss June Wilson of Arkadelphia, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Souter of Linden, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keith of Bussey, Ark.; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chaffin and son, Wayne, of Magnolia.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Copeland had as Thanksgiving holiday guests, Mrs. J. B. Homen and sons, John and Ross of Little Rock, and Miss Mary Louise Copeland of Northwestern University at Natchitoches, La. Herb see D.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hays and children, Tom Ed and Nancy are spending the holidays with relatives in Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Luck have as houseguests, Mrs. Luck's sister, Mrs. Norville Parker of Prescott and her daughter, Miss Prudence Parker of Houston.

Bob Spough of Atlanta, Ga., arrived Thursday to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with Miss Lucille Ruggles. He will return to Cincinnati where he is attending the Cincinnati College of Embalming.

Tom O'Neill backed away from the truck and sank onto a squishy logwood bench, he clasped his hands and allowed them to hang loosely between his knees.

Take it out of my sight! he mumbled. Give it to Nell's voice. She wanted it bad enough to kill Nell for it didn't she? Well give it to her!

Charlie Reddy took a step toward him. "Now look here," Chief Peters gestured him to silence.

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The CAMEO

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The Story: Investigating the murder of Martin Faller, Charlie Reddy calls upon Stephanie Smith, employed at a gift shop owned by Hagar Blair at whose home Stephanie lives. Stephanie tells Reddy about a valuable cameo which is a clue in the murder. Returning to Hagar's house they discovered Nell O'Neill, who dined in Hagar's sculpture studio, claimed to own the cameo, murder. Stephanie tells Reddy that she is Nell's niece.

The Amber light from what had been Nell O'Neill's favorite Chinese lamp shone down on the carnelian cameo on the delicately carved outline of the weeping woman; the pearls and small diamonds surrounding the stone plucked the light and threw it out as a nimbus in the glass table top.

Four men were staring down at the jewel. Chief of Police Peters spoke first.

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big room. Rough-hewn clay-spattered shelves containing a jumble of glazed and unglazed pieces occupied one entire wall. There was a brick kiln in a corner of the room. Reddy walked over and opened its iron door.

Inside resting on an iron rack were a pair of figurines about 12 inches high and nine wide. The contours, extravagantly blocklike seemed to represent stylized female figures. The head were bent forward in a sleeping or weeping posture. He touched one of them gently. It had a powdery surface. He knew enough about ceramic manufacture to judge that these pieces had been given only their initial firing. Bisque firing it was called. He decided that possibly Tom had been at work on them when received the news of Nell's death.

Rambling through the studio, Reddy came upon a large barrel containing liquid clay. Experimentally he dipped a finger into it—the consistency was like the cake batter he used to sample once upon a time in his mother's kitchen. He wiped his finger on a clay-caked towel hanging over the edge of the barrel.

He stepped back into the O'Neill paring room. "Yes, I was worried when I saw the place closed. We've been with Tom O'Neill all morning. Did you go past the shop?"

"Of course, I do, out in their front hall."

"And do you remember whether you took your purse with you when you went out to answer the phone?"

Hagar screwed up her face, concentrating. "Let's see... No! No, I didn't. That's it! While I was out of the room, Nell stole my studio key from my bag! That's how she got into the studio!"

"Maybe you're right."

Reddy dug into his coat pocket and brought out the silver box. "Here's a little trinket that may brighten things up a little. Tom O'Neill once said it was turned over to Stephanie."

Stephanie stared at him in disbelief while she stretched out both hands for the box.

He grinned at her. "We may borrow it later on for use as evidence, but, for now, it's yours."

He turned to leave. Stephanie handed the box to Hagar and walked with him from the room.

Alone, Hagar stared thoughtfully at the box. Almost gingerly, then, she pressed the lock and the lid flipped open. She picked up the cameo and the unlocked pin snugged on the velvet cushion, pulling it up from the bottom of the box. As she tried to straighten the pad, Hagar made mental note to glue it down firmly once and for all. The cushion was now wedged in a slanting position, she worked at with a hairpin and pried it out. There were those

Hagar, clad in her usual sweater and slacks, was propped against pillows on the chaise longue, a tarry-looking cover across her feet, an ice-cream cone on top of her head secured by a red ribbon.

"Not often I get gashed on the head with a pottery jug," Hagar slapped the couch indignantly. "Slap in my own shop! Hardly get my bristles in the door when I was felled like an ox."

"What time was this, Miss Blair?" Charles Reddy asked.

"Oh, call me Hagar. I've just come to realize that life can be very short. What time? About 7 o'clock, I think. I'd just got back from Dana Point. I was out cold afterward for a couple of hours."

"She phoned me around 10," Stephanie put in. "Right after everybody left here. I went right down in a cab and brought her home."

"This thing's turning into a nightmare, Reddy," she told him between sips. "Murder right in my own backyard. Literally. Who did it, d'you think?"

Reddy stared down at his chromium lighter; he may as well tell you the truth, Miss Blair. There are some who think you might have."

She snatched the icebag from her head. "I? Think I might have? Are you crazy? I can prove I didn't. I can prove I wasn't anywhere around!"

"Can you?" Reddy's face looked hopeful. "How?"

"I was at Dana Point yesterday afternoon at Doheny Park, to meet somebody. Drove down there to meet somebody."

"Who?"

Hagar impatiently kicked off the fur coverlet, swung around and planted her feet on the floor. "Well, like Stephanie's already told you, I went over to see Nell yesterday about the cameo. Nell got nasty and we took to yelling at each other. Just about when we'd got to hair pulling, this phone call came for me."

"Who'd know you were at the O'Neills?"

"Oh, lots of people might have. My car was out in front."

"Go on, please."

"Well, this voice on the phone, a man's voice, told me that if I'd met him at the barbecue pits in Doheny Park, he'd tell me something important about the cameo and about Martin Faller's murder."

I was to meet him at 4 o'clock. It takes about an hour and a half to drive up there, so I left Nell's right away. About 2:30 that was."

"Tom O'Neill said you were with Nell in the morning when he left the house."

"That's right. I was. But we didn't get anything settled, and I went out, mad as hops, and walked up and sat on the beach until I cooled off. Then I had a cup of coffee at Mike's and went back."

"Then you got that phone call and drove down to Doheny Park, but the fellow didn't show up?"

"He did not. I waited until 6 o'clock."

"Did you see anybody at all down there?"

"No. Places like that are pretty well deserted this time of year, you know."

Reddy rubbed his nose, reflectively. "It adds up to this, Miss Blair. Mrs. O'Neill was killed in your studio, possibly with one of your sculpting tools; and you can't prove your whereabouts at the time of the murder. You can't even prove you received that phone call."

"Why, I can, too!" Hagar's face flashed indignantly. "I was right there when I... her voice faltered and stopped."

Reddy looked gloomily down at his shoes, when sighed and got up from his chair. "Just a few more quick questions, Miss Blair: Did Nell ask you to come over and discuss the cameo?"

"Yes, she did. Phoned me about it."

"Do you remember where the O'Neill phone is situated?"

"Of course, I do, out in their front hall."

"And do you remember whether you took your purse with you when you went out to answer the phone?"

Hagar screwed up her face, concentrating. "Let's see... No! No, I didn't. That's it! While I was out of the room, Nell stole my studio key from my bag! That's how she got into the studio!"

"Maybe you're right."

Reddy dug into his coat pocket and brought out the silver box. "Here's a little trinket that may brighten things up a little. Tom O'Neill once said it was turned over to Stephanie."

Stephanie stared at him in disbelief while she stretched out both hands for the box.

He grinned at her. "We may borrow it later on for use as evidence, but, for now, it's yours."

He turned to leave. Stephanie handed the box to Hagar and walked with him from the room.

Alone, Hagar stared thoughtfully at the box. Almost gingerly, then, she pressed the lock and the lid flipped open. She picked up the cameo and the unlocked pin snugged on the velvet cushion, pulling it up from the bottom of the box. As she tried to straighten the pad, Hagar made mental note to glue it down firmly once and for all. The cushion was now wedged in a slanting position, she worked at with a hairpin and pried it out. There were those

numbers again, engraved clearly in the bottom of the box!

Hagar was examining the numbers, once more considering their possible purpose, when Stephanie returned to the room.

"It's gone," she announced. "Don't worry, Hagar, everything will turn out all right. He'll look out for us. Wasn't he wonderful to bring me the cameo?" She came to lean over Hagar's shoulder.

"What are you looking at?"

"These numbers. See, engraved in the bottom of the box: Ten, dash, four, Eight, dash, two, And, underneath, six."

"Might think so, except for this six down here all by itself. Or, it could be some kind of jeweler's code. Probably nothing important anyhow." She placed the cameo flat on one palm and stared at it.

"Pretty bloody process, getting hold of this thing—maybe it's jinxed, like the Hope diamond."

"Let me have it, Hagar. I'll try again to open it."

"Be nice if you could. Can't you remember how your mother used to open it?"

Stephanie fingered the cameo's surface. "She pressed something. I think a little spring somewhere in the frame."

"A secret spring!" Hagar crowed. "This gets comier all the time!"

"I seem to remember," Stephanie mused as she pressed the frame experimentally, "that one of these pointed sections must be pushed down to spring the lock. But I've tried all 12 of them and nothing happens."

"I wonder why your mother wouldn't consider selling it when she knew it could mean the difference between feast and famine for her little girl."

"My father told her never to let it out of her hands. It was their most important possession, he said, it would insure our future. Mother wouldn't part with it because she kept thinking father might still be alive."

"You don't expect him to appear, do you?"

"Oh, no. I've been sure for a long time that I'm completely alone in the world."

Hagar grinned at her. "Except for me. And don't forget your friend, Charlie Reddy, he's very much in the picture, if I'm the judge."

"Mr. Reddy—Charlie—is very nice," Stephanie said primly.

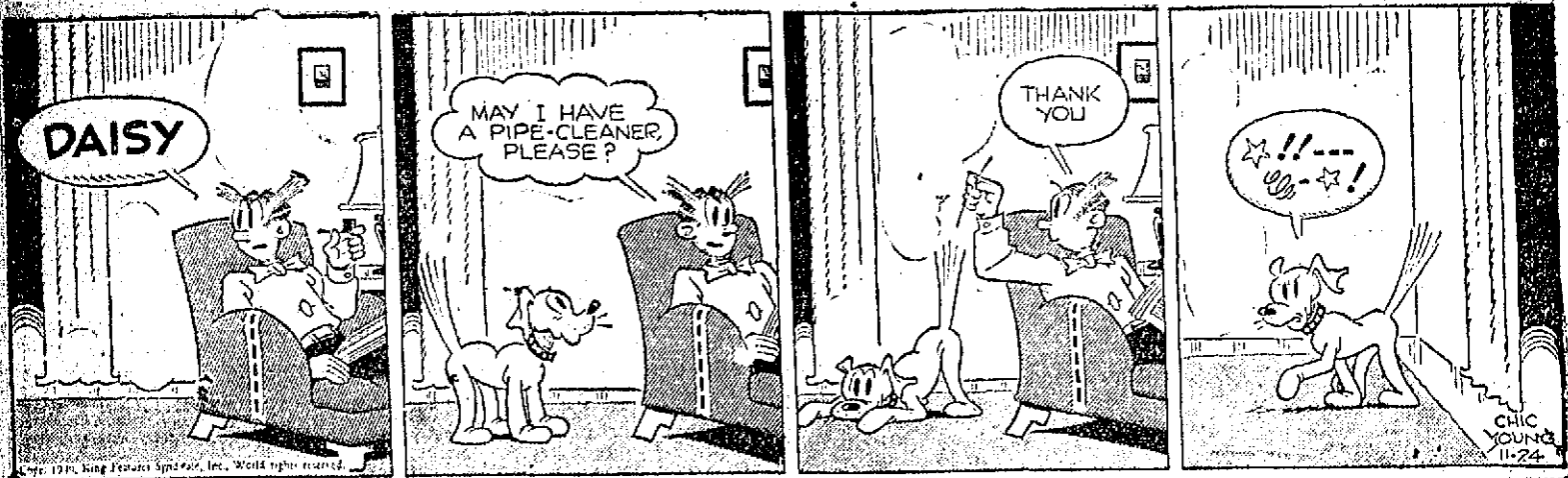
"Oh, pol! You'd better open up those eyes and take a better look at that's the best you can say for him! He's smart, he has a good sense of humor, and he's perishingly handsome. Wish there'd been somebody like him camped on my trail back about 20 years ago. I wouldn't be such a dried up old prune now if there had been."

See wagged a warning finger: "Better look sharp, girl, and grab him before summertime comes along and all those long-legged bronzed blondes start parading the boardwalk!"

Stephanie's honey-brown hair

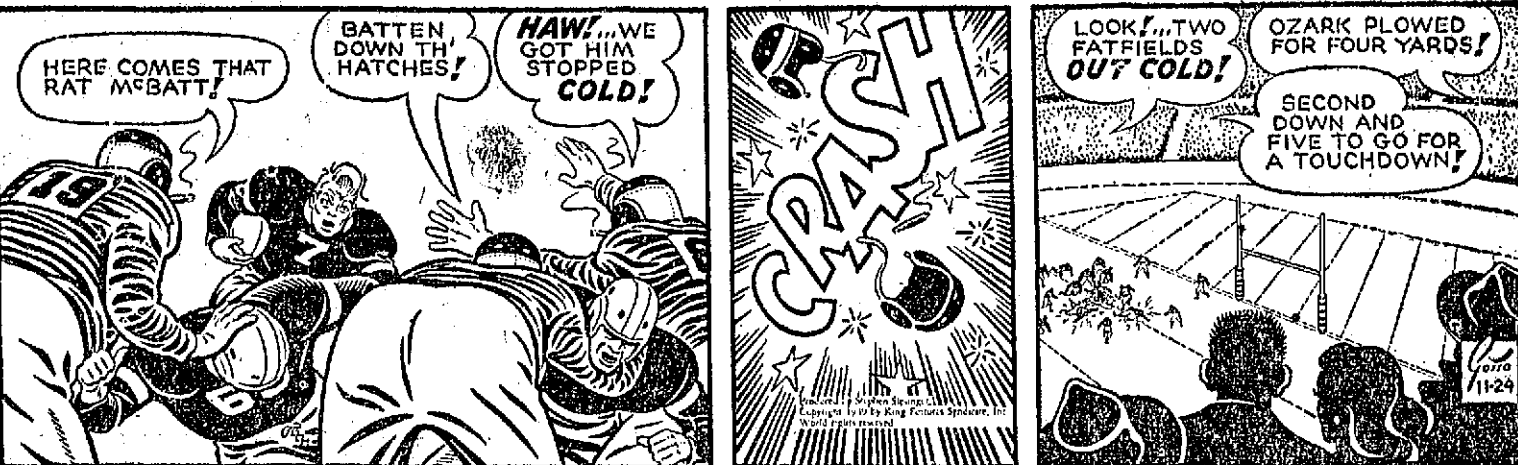
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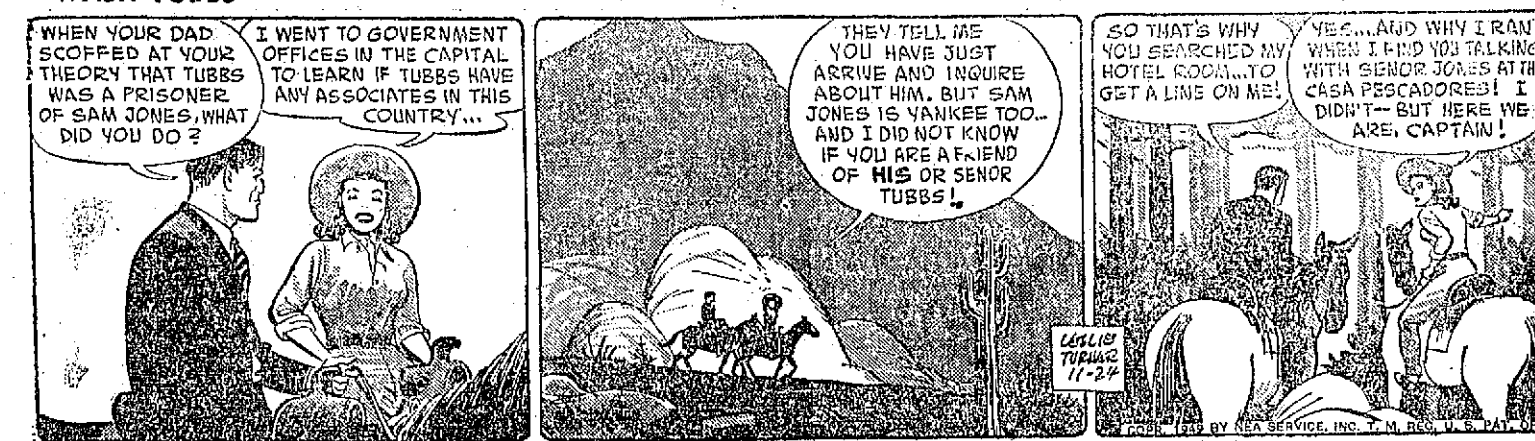
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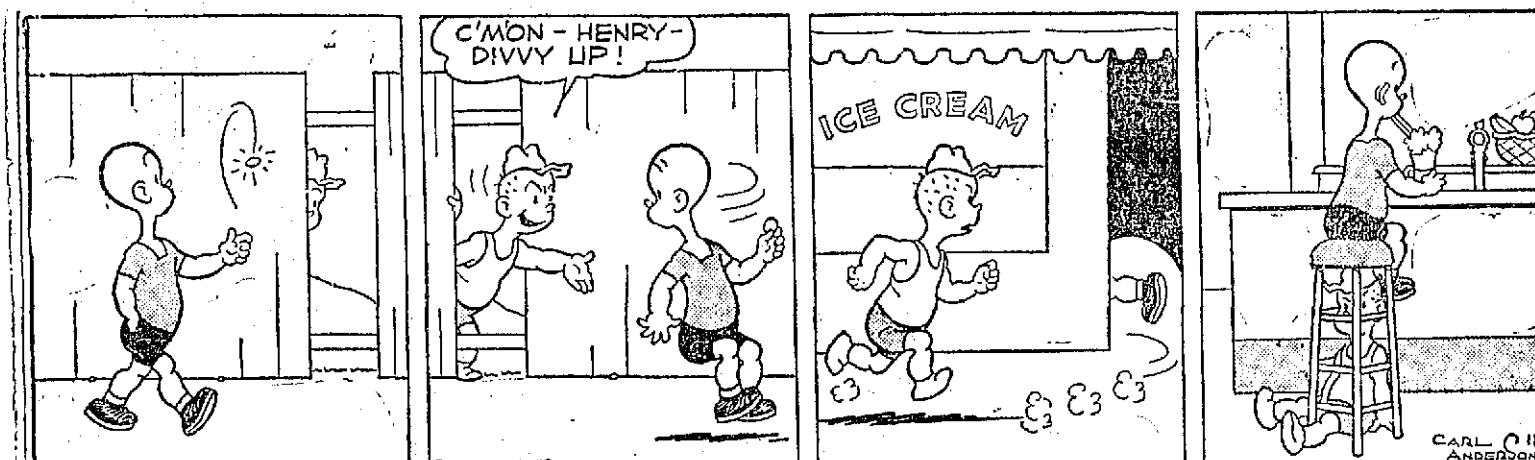
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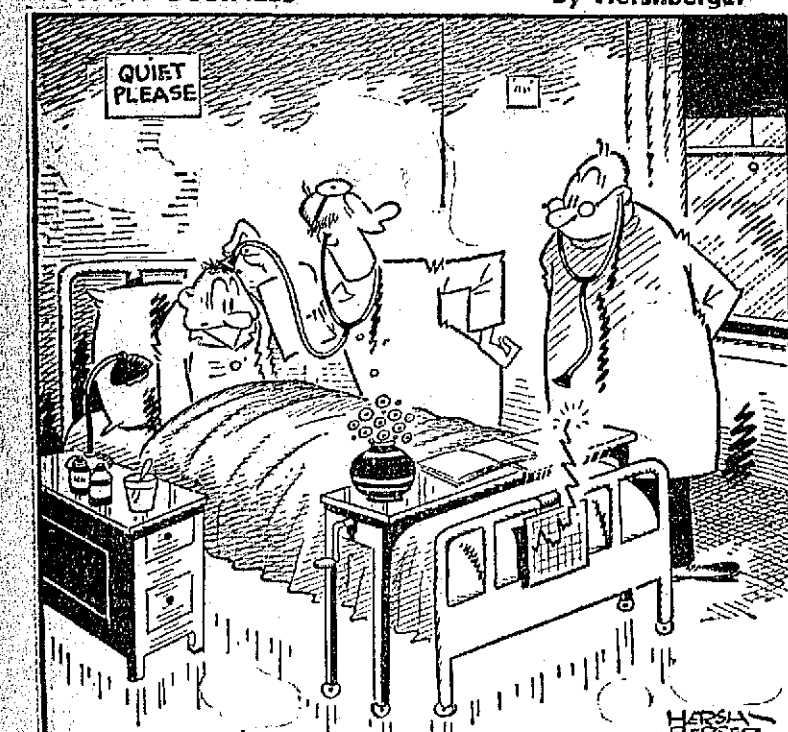
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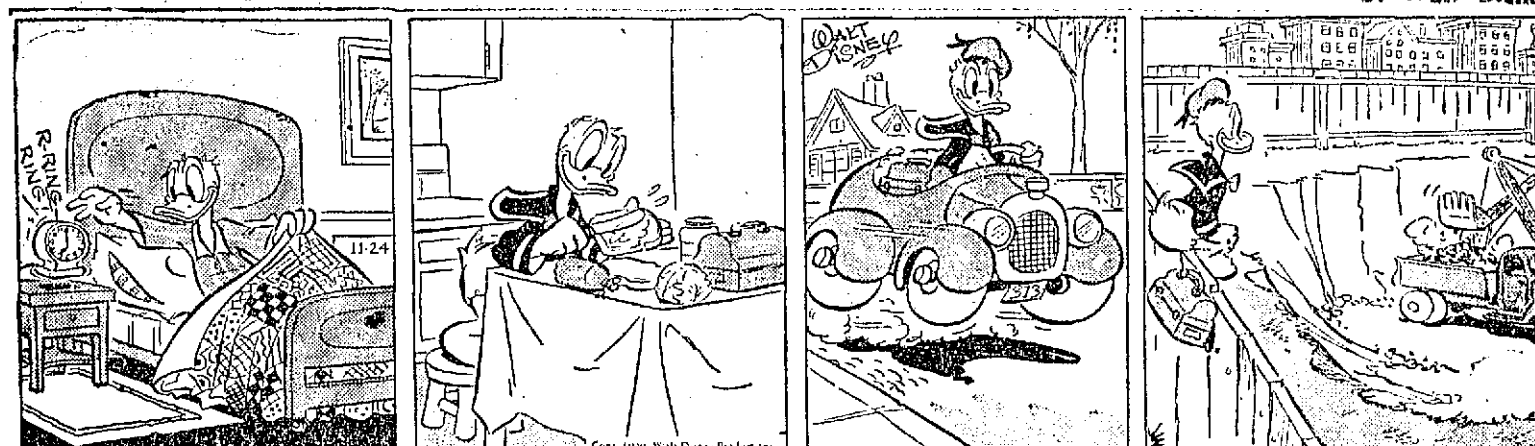
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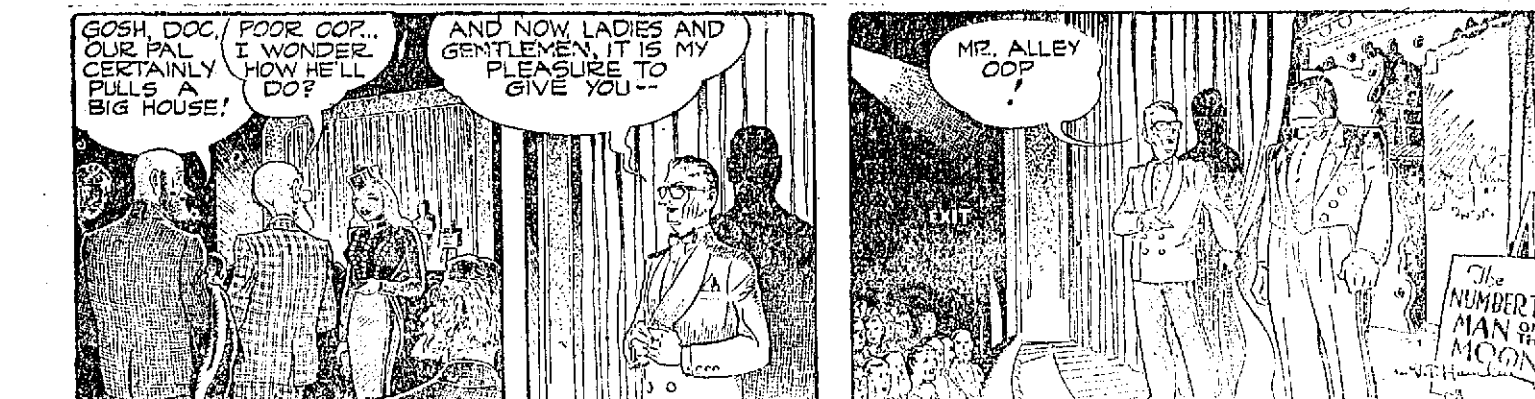
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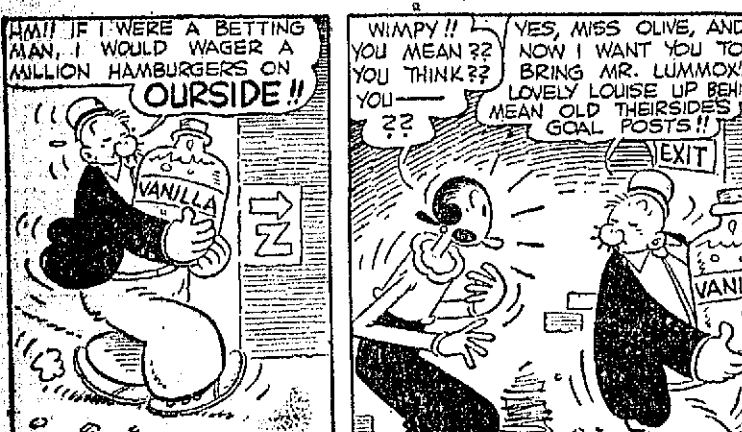


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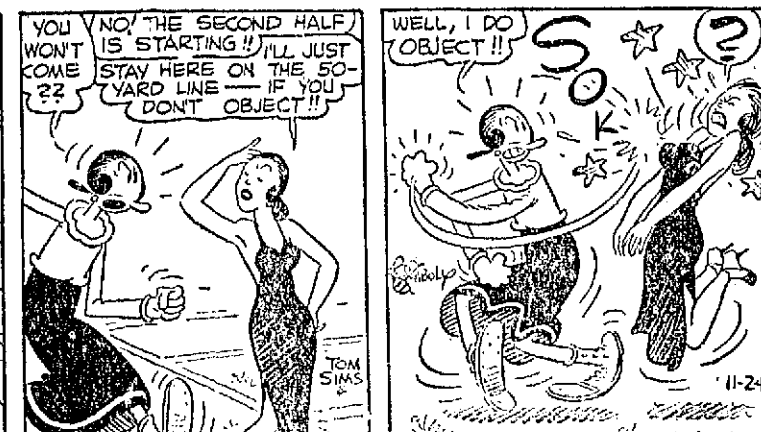
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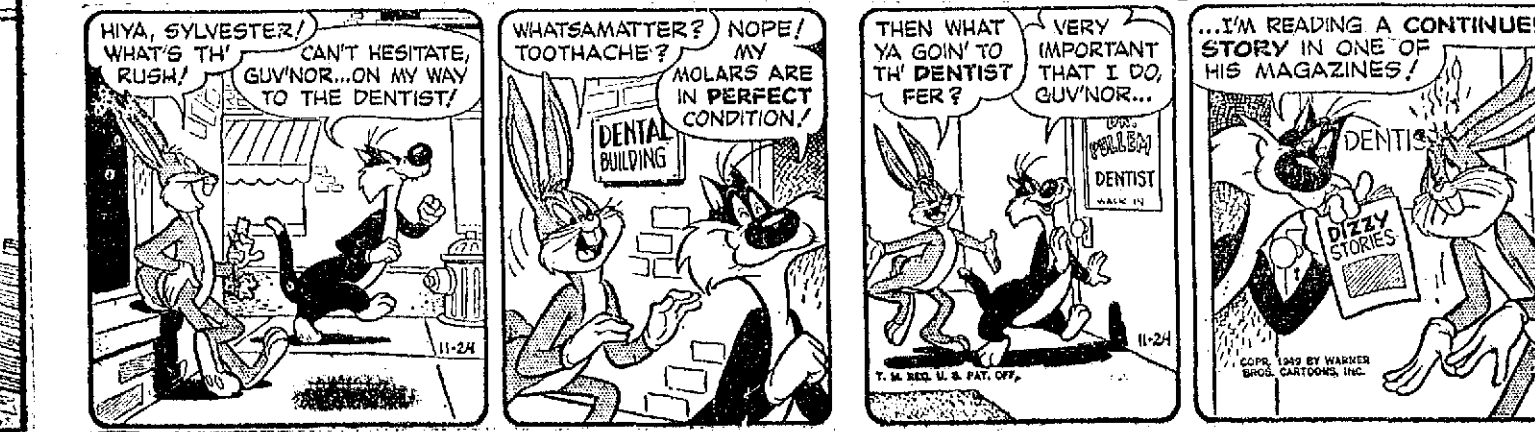


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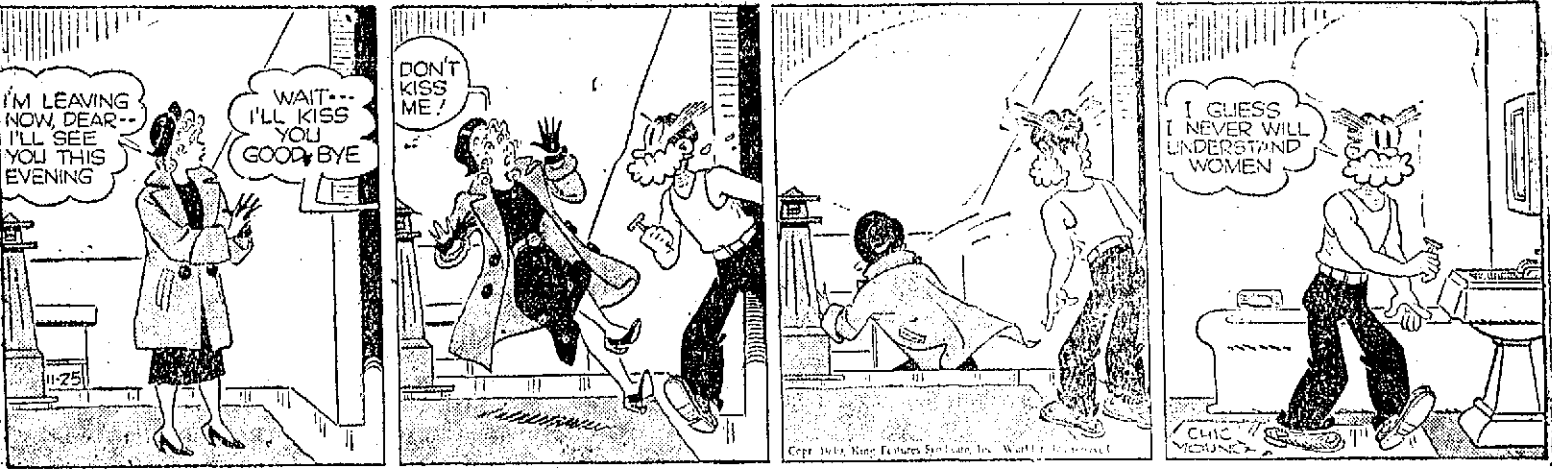


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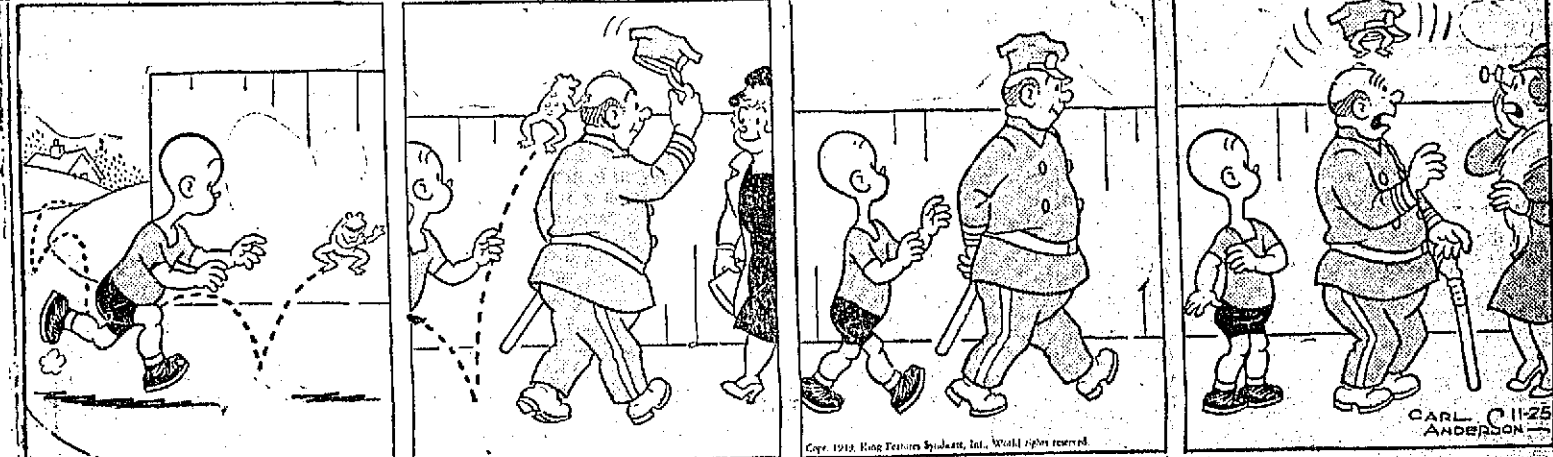
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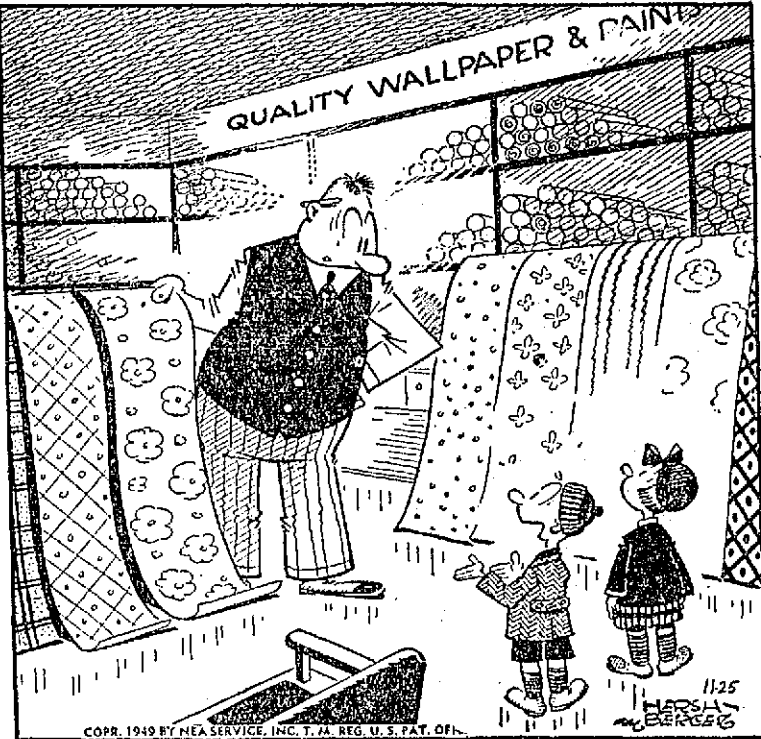


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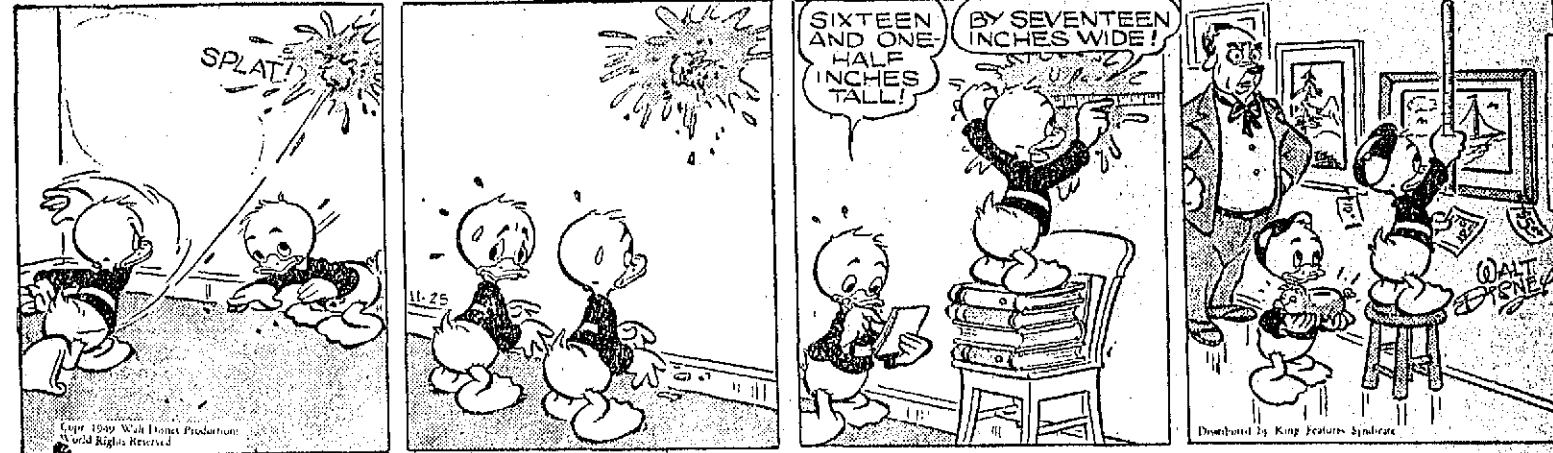
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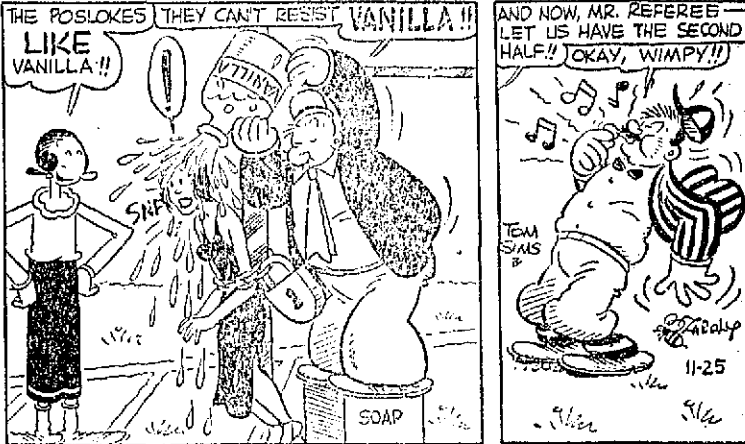
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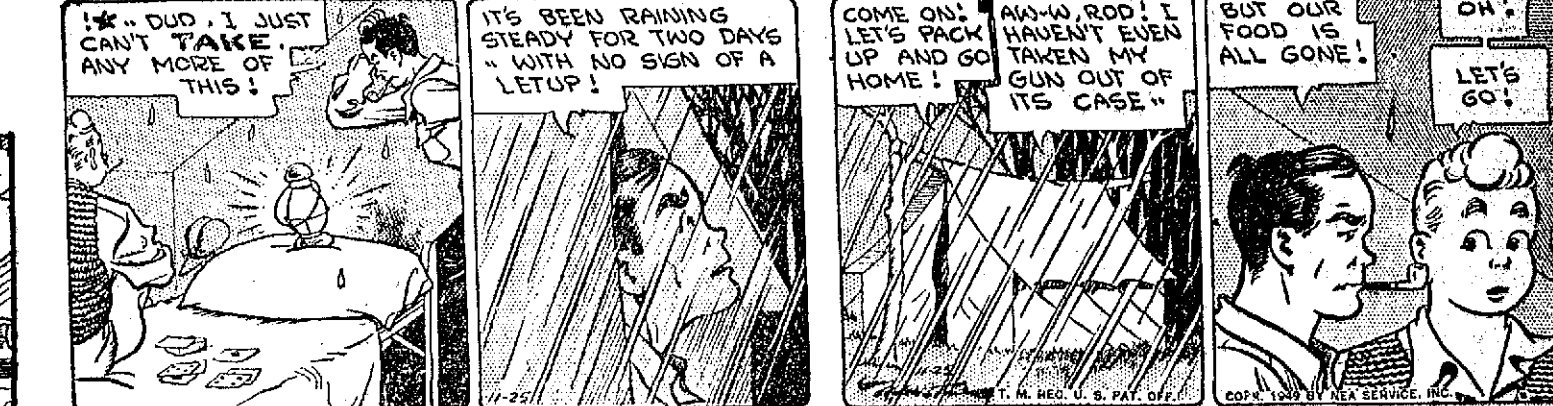
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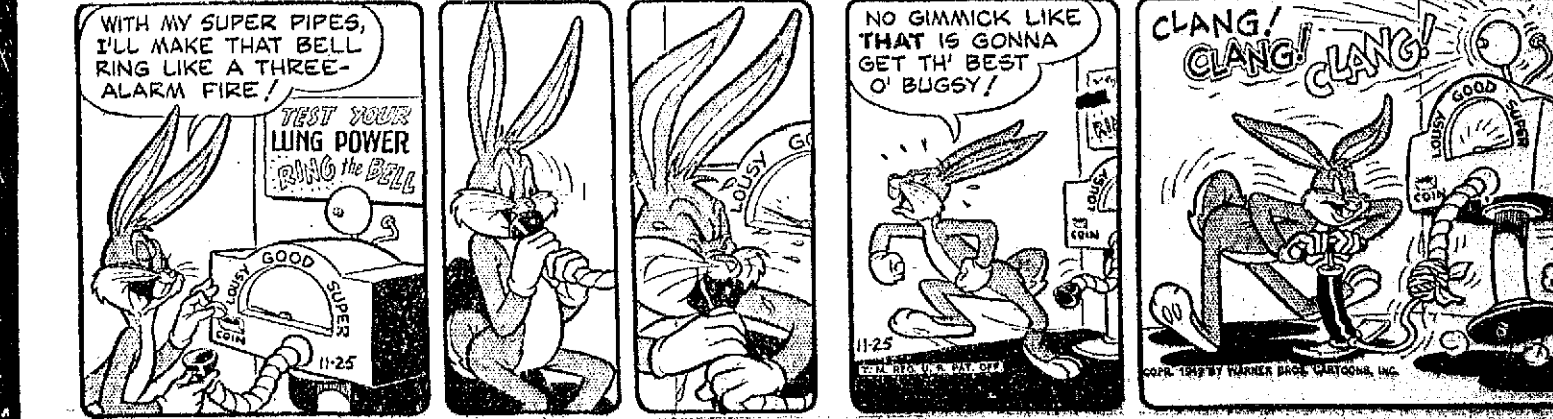


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Washington, Nov. 23 —(AP)— Senator Taft (R-Ohio) takes the position that the only way to pay pensions for millions who have retired from work is out of the earnings of those still working.

Taft estimated, in a statement directed primarily for his Ohio constituents, that it would cost \$12,000,000,000 a year to pay \$10 monthly pensions to all persons over 65.

"Of course, no such sum can be paid out of any pension fund a

accumulated on a sound actuarial basis," he said. "The reserve would be so huge that it would have to purchase most of the property in the country."

Taft said current earnings on those working must be reached through some form of taxation on such pensions are to be provided for all. No matter what form might be used, he said, such costs usually are passed on to the consumer.

The big question, as he saw it, was whether the country could afford it. Can the country, its industry and its workers, afford it?"

He noted a difference between

The whole situation is one "complete confusion," he says, suggesting that congress "should study the idea of a basis uniform federal plan based on taxation through current federal tax

holiday victories.
Tonight's schedule calls for an important Kentucky-Miami game which might determine Sam Clara's opponent in Miami Orange bowl Jan. 2.
But Saturday is the big one for the low-minded.
Oklahoma probably is the pre-bowl catch—the only member of the "Big Four" atop the football rankings which still can be beaten in California, No. 2 behind Notre Dame in the latest Associated Press poll, already is signed

A Rose bowl date with Ohio State is expected to be announced soon. Both have finished their regular seasons.

Notre Dame, which seeks to stretch its unbeaten string to 10 games against Southern California tomorrow, is not interested in big games. The Irish still must play Southern Methodist Dec. 3.

The Army, of course, will not be allowed to bid after its traditional finale with Navy. The unbeaten Cadets, No. 4 in the national wind it up before season 102,000 fans at Philadelphia tomorrow.

The Sooners of Oklahoma

heavy favorites to thump the neighborhood rivals, Oklahoma, and march on to a bowl in New Orleans and the Sugar bowl is their likely destination with Cotton bowl a possibility.

Rice and Baylor will fight it for the right to be Southwest conference champions and Cotton bowl host. Rice is No. 7 and Baylor is No. 9 in the A.P. poll.

There is a cover for a New Year assignment in the Sugar bowl may make the grade if it is past Louisiana State in a rugged contest that should be one of the day's best.

Once-beaten Cornell rallied 22 points in the second half to dump Penn before 75,000 at Franklin field in the high spot of yesterday's schedule.

Maryland poured it on West Virginia, 47-7, to demonstrate the bowl potential. They have lost to Michigan State.

College of Pacific made it straight with one to go by handing California a 20-0 merciless thrashing. Pacific ground out 88-0, Pacific ground out 88-0 by rushing.

Texas smothered Texas A&M 42-14, with Sophomore Byrns Townsend scoring three to

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